

**FIRST READING**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 22

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to The Ephesians.

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL**

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**  
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By appointment  
Please contact the Office**MASS TIMES**  
**St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**  
Tuesday 9:30am  
Wednesday 9:30am  
Friday 11:00am  
Sunday 8:00am**Our Lady of the Way (OLW)**  
Wednesday 7:00pm  
Thursday 9:30am  
Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am**CONFESSIONS**  
**SPC** - Friday 10:30 to 10:55am  
**OLW** - Saturday 5:30 to 5:50pm**HOLY HOUR**  
**OLW** - Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm**BENEDICTION**  
**SPC** - 3rd Sunday of the Month  
Following 8am Mass**ROSARY FOR PEACE**  
**OLW** - Monday 10:30am**Blackwood Catholic Community**

## Parish Newsletter

**St Paul of the Cross**  
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Blackwood**Our Lady of the Way**  
4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

19th March 2023

**Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr A****INTRODUCTION**

'NOW I CAN SEE'

In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our own world.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

**PRAYER FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

God of all generations, we thank you for those who have gone before us, especially those who have cared for your earth and who inspire us to help respect your creation and contribute to its healing.

We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**

If you need pastoral assistance please contact  
Deacon Tee Ping on 0409 538 328

**March**

**Sunday 19th**  
**Morning Tea - OLW**  
 Following 10am Mass. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa while chatting to parishioners and visitors.

**Tuesday 21st**  
**Parish Walking Group**  
 9:30am meet at the Belair National Park old Golf Course car park. Coffee afterwards at The Goat Shed (if open) or Sheoak Café. Please contact Clem for more information 0417 832 172.

**Wednesday 22nd**  
**Knit and Natter**  
 10am to midday in the Cottage. Bring along your own project or start to work on something for Vinnies. Novice or experienced members most welcome - or just come along for a cuppa and chat.

**Friday 24th and 31st**  
**Stations of the Cross - SPC**  
 10:30am followed by Mass. Please support the volunteers who have prepared this years program. Confessions will also be available during this time.

**Sunday 26th**  
**Dedication & Blessing of New Hymnals - SPC**  
 The new hymnals (Catholic Worship Book 2) with their dedication bookplates will be dedicated and blessed at the 8.00am Mass at St Pauls next Sunday, in time for the Palm Sunday and the Easter Celebrations. If you dedicated a book please come along as the new books will be available for viewing following Mass.

**APRIL**

**Sunday 2nd**  
**PALM SUNDAY - EASTER LUNCHEON**  
 11:30am (after 10am Mass) in the Cottage. Join your parishioner friends from both Mass centres to celebrate the coming of Easter 2023. Please bring a small plate of sweet or savoury finger/fork food to share. If you have not been to an Easter luncheon, try and come this year.

**Sunday 2nd**  
**Morning Tea - SPC**  
 In the meeting Room or under the car port following 8am Mass. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday 2nd**  
**Vinnies bottle drive**  
 Please contact John Simpson on 8278 8058 to arrange collection. This incentive helps our local Vinnies raise much needed funds to support those in our community.

**PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS**



This week's Lenten Reflections session will be held in the Church following 10am Mass. Grab a quick cuppa and head back to the Church. Everyone welcome.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**



We are excited to announce that Sofia F, Elisa, Joseph, Celeste, Sofia K and Emese will be Confirmed by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and receive First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th 2023, during 10am Mass.

Please keep them in your prayers as the date approaches and come along to support them on the day.  
 Mass will be followed by morning tea.

**CHRISM MASS**

**April 3rd, 6pm**  
**St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

The Chrism Mass is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the liturgical calendar. It is the special Liturgy where the bishop of a diocese blesses the Oils (also called chrisms) that will be used in the various Sacraments throughout the year.

We are seeking representation from our Parish to collect the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass after they are Blessed by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

Please contact Deacon Tee Ping if you are available.



**Next week's readings - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent Yr A**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 37:12-14  
**Psalm** Ps 129  
**Second Reading** Romans 8:8-11  
**Acclamation** Jn 11:25, 26  
**Gospel** John:11:3—7, 17, 20-27, 33-45



**SYRIA - TURKIYE EARTHQUAKE**

Prayer for God of Compassion, we call on your name in times of need.  
 We pray for the thousands upon thousands of our sisters and brothers who at this moment are feeling the terrible impacts of earthquake.  
 We remember especially those who have died, those who grieve, the communities struggling with basic needs, the workers who are trying to help.  
 We ask that you open the hearts of all people, even those far away, to contribute to the rebuilding of a broken world.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, who suffers with all who suffer.

**Amen**

This weekend we welcome:

- **Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General** at 6pm on Saturday evening and
  - **Mons Bob Rice** for both the 8am and 10am Masses this weekend.
- and thank them for celebrating Mass with us.



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church.  
 Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families.  
 We ask you to choose from the families of our parishes many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.  
**Amen**



**Stewardship Reflection**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart."*  
 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, God will look into our hearts to see how much we loved God, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

**Feasts and Memorials - March**

17th	Saint Patrick	Feast
20th	Saint Joseph	Feast
25th	Annunciation of the Lord	Feast

**Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster**

	Sat 18 Mar	Sun 19 Mar		Sat 25 Mar	Sun 26 Mar	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
<b>MC</b>	Leo Fogarty	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne	Bart Voskulen	Peter Donovan	Cyril Brown
<b>READER</b>	Ellie Rowe	Patrick Rodda	Corrie Froschio	Chris Baggoley	Phil Doyle	Jenny Horne
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Brian Fogarty	Peter Shepherd	Ann Collins	Kevin Gogler	Trish Fuller	Barb Ward
	Louise Sortino	Carol Pisters	Judy Betros	Barb Baggoley	June Donovan	Tony Ward
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>					Patrick Rodda	Rebekah B
		Michael Anderson			Peter Shepherd	Michael B
<b>ALTAR PREP</b>	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
<b>MUSIC</b>	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Folk Group	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney	Marian Singers
<b>CANTOR</b>		Choir			Kay Conlon	
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Lent	Lent	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent	Lent



**Caritas for Turkiye and Syria**

Father Charles Lukati, Parish Priest of Croydon Park, and well known to Blackwood Parishioners, has joined with Caritas Australia in raising funds to help communities impacted by the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Please support him as he runs the half marathon in Clare Valley on Sunday April 2, 2023. To join the cheer squad or participate in the run, please contact Tracey Tessitore on M: 0439 810 250.



Donations can be made via the QR Code above.

**Please pray for members of our parish community listed below and those named previously.**

**Sick:** Jen Dunstan, Joseph Cobiac, Trevor Kuerschner, Chris Baggoley

**Recently deceased:** Alek Henschke

**Anniversary:** Colin Wattochow

*Please contact the office to have names added to the prayer list.*



**EASTER ROSTERS**

The Easter Rosters are available in both churches. If you are not going to be away please have a look at where you may be able to help out. Add your name and contact details and we will confirm your role. *Thank you*